

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. May 26, 1899

R. J. Thompson,
Secretary, Lafayette Memorial Commission,
Auditorium Building, Chicago.

Sir:

The Act of February 12th, 1873, contains the following

provisions:

"Sec. 18. That upon the coins of the United States there shall be the following devices and legends: Upon one side there shall be an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription the word "Liberty" and the year of the coinage, etc."

This provision in my opinion forbids putting the year 1900

on coins struck in 1899.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.